

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have imported some fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantity of various fertilizers imported during the last three years and the amount involved therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price and movement control and whose imports are made on Government account to bridge the gap between requirement and indigenous availability through designated canalizing agencies namely M/s MMTC Ltd., M/s State Trading Corporation Ltd. (STC), and M/s Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL). The quantity of urea imports in the last three years along with the expenditure incurred thereon is as under:

Year	Urea (LMT)	Expenditure (Rs crores)
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1997-98	23.89	721.96
1998-99	5.56	124.22
1999-2000	5.33	74.07

LMT= lakh metric tonnes

During the current year 2000-01, there have been no import of urea on Government account till date.

Other major fertilizers namely DAP and MOP have been decontrolled since 24.8.1992 and their imports decanalized with effect from 17.9.1992 and 17.6.1993, respectively. The imports of these fertilizers are made freely on private trade account. As these fertilizers are decontrolled, Department of Fertilizers does not maintain details regarding the prices, expenditure and sources of imports. On the basis of available information, the quantities of DAP and MOP imported in the last three years is as under:

(figures in LMT)

Year	DAP	MOP
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1997-98	14.60	19.00
1998-99	21.05	25.70
1999-2000	32.68	28.98